



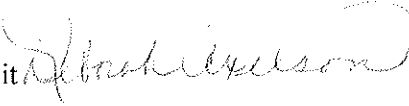
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TO: Affected Potato Producers and Interested Parties

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RE: Final Decision – Petition to Amend the Washington State Potato Commission Marketing Order (Chapter 16-516 WAC)

Following this cover memo you will find the Director's Findings, Conclusion, and Final Decision on the petition filed by the Washington State Potato Commission to amend the Commission's Marketing Order, WAC 16-516. Here is a table of contents for your use when reviewing the decision.

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The Director's Final Decision is to conduct a referendum on the proposal to amend the Potato Marketing Order. A ballot containing the proposal will be mailed to all potato producers on the list of affected producers during the month of November. Based on RCW 15.66.090, to pass a referendum on amendments to a marketing order, of those voting, 60 percent or more by number and 60 percent or more by volume must vote "yes".

If the referendum results approve the amendments to the Potato Marketing Order, the proposal will be adopted on or about January 4, 2006 and the proposal will become effective February 4, 2006. If the referendum results defeat the amendments to the Potato Marketing Order, no further action will be taken on the petition.

The Director will count the votes from those affected producers listed on the List of Affected Producers, as maintained by the Commission, to determine whether the referendum has passed. Under RCW 15.66.143, affected producers have the responsibility to ensure that their correct address and production information for the last three years is filed with the Commission. If you have a change of address or wish to confirm the information on file, please contact the Washington Potato Commission, 108 Interlake Road, Moses Lake, WA 98837, phone (509) 765-8845.

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